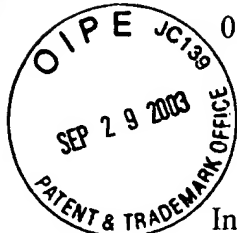


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Application No.: 09/625,842 )  
Filed: July 26, 2000 )  
For: SYSTEM FOR SEARCHING )  
FOR APPARATUS CONNECTED )  
TO NETWORK AND APPARATUS )  
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AND CONTROL METHOD )  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document listed is also enclosed.

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The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is

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